



Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board  
C/O Jack Travelstead  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
2600 Washington Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

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Dear RFAB Members:

The Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association has reviewed the proposals submitted to your board and has formulated the following positions.

**Multi-Year Projects for Renewal:**

A. 2008 Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 11). **SUPPORT.**

B. 2008 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic (Year 7). **SUPPORT.**

C. 2008 Virginia Game Fish Tagging (Year14). **SUPPORT.**

D. Federal Assistance (Wallop-Breaux) Matching Funds FY 2008. **PARTIAL SUPPORT.** We are glad to see the commercial fishermen are providing funds , however it is nowhere equal to what is being ask from the recreationals, as a minimum the commercial should be providing 50% or more.

E. Sheepshead Population Dynamics in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia (Year 3). **SUPPORT.**

F. Wishart's Point Landing. **DEFER FUNDING.** The current request will only allow shallow draft boats, and we do not feel the cost of this project is cost effective. We feel that this project should be deferred until funds is obtained to deepen the channel.

**New Projects:**

G. 2008 Youth Development "Hooked on Fishing" Adventure (Year 1). **DO NOT SUPPORT.** For the amount of money that has been requested, the actual benefit in numbers of children that will participate is small in comparison to other children events.

H. Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion. **SUPPORT.**

I. Pilot Study: Application to pop-up satellite archival tags (PSATs) to assess postrelease survival, habitat utilization ands short term movement of striped bass in Virginia's winter recreational fishery. **SUPPORT.**

J. Improving stock assessment of weakfish. **DO NOT SUPPORT.** This study should have been developed and planned by ASMFC, and the funding should be solicited from all the States on the Mid-Atlantic Coast.

K. Reef Monitoring Equipment Support for VMRC's Fisheries Management Division.

**SUPPORT.**

L. Adult Red Drum Population Structure Study. **SUPPORT.**

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to express our views on the disbursement of our state's license funds. Thank you for your consideration.

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